GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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EXCISE DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing problems in imposing heavy excise duty on the agricultural produces being imported;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to ensure that the farmers in the country get remunerative prices for their agricultural produces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Excise duty is not leviable on imported agricultural products.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Government`s price policy for agricultural produce seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. Each season Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities and organizes purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India (FCI) (Paddy, Wheat and Coarse Cereals), Jute Corporation of India (JCI) (Jute), Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) (Cotton), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) (Pulses and Oilseeds) and Tobacco Board (Tobacco), besides other agencies designated by the State Governments.